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THE COURT: The record will reflect the

3 presence of the defendant, Mr. Ray; his attorneys,

Mr. Li, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Do. The state's represented

5 by Ms. Polk and Mr. Hughes.

6 And I want to make very sure that there is only reference to juror number. I'm reminding 7

8 myself of that. It's an unusual circumstance.

But Juror No. 4, are you on the line?

10 JUROR NO. 4: Yes, I am, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Okay And you've heard what I

12 said. Please don't use your name. We're going to

13 refer to you by number.

I have a couple of preliminary questions.

First of all, we're sorry to hear that you're not 15

16 feeling well. We'll say that. We are in open

court. The media is present. There are a number

18 of people in court.

19 And, Juror No. 4, do you have any problem

20 with discussing this issue in this context in this

form?

22 JUROR NO. 4: No. I don't have any problem at

23 all.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Then what I wanted to do is

25 talk to you personally rather than hear through 4

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people in my office and the commissioner's office. 2 I wanted to hear from you about really your prospects for recovery. Apparently you've had this going around in the family some. And you have some experience with that.

But if you could tell us -- and, again, we appreciate your willingness to talk to us when you're obviously not feeling well. But I wanted to get an update from you and when you think you would be available. And then the attorneys. I'd also invite them if they might have some questions for vou as well.

13 What can you tell us about that, 14 Juror No. 4?

15 JUROR NO. 4: Okay. Well, started on Friday 16 when I was there actually. It materialized over 17 the weekend. I did get my fever down from 104 all 18 weekend down to almost 102 right now. With my son and my daughters, seemed like it ran five days. 19

20 And their fever didn't go down until the last day.

21 And today would be the fifth day and starting to

22 come down. I believe today would be the last day.

23 My fever would be gone just like it happened with

24 my son and my daughter.

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25 THE COURT: And if I may ask, Juror No. 4,

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have you been receiving any kind of treatment -antibiotics, any kind of medicine?

3 JUROR NO. 4: The only thing I've been taking 4 is aspırın, Tylenol and Advil.

THE COURT: So from your experience in seeing this, apparently the same problem going through other family members, it appears to be five day -roughly a five-day kind of thing?

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9 JUROR NO. 4: Correct.

10 THE COURT: And you're currently running a 11 fairly high fever?

12 JUROR NO. 4: It's down to 102 right now, 13 which is a lot better. And it's been slowly going 14 down from 6:00 o'clock this morning down until now.

15 THE COURT: I'm going to ask the attorneys if 16 they want to ask you questions. Or if you'd rather 17 have me ask them, I can to that, if you prefer.

18 If anybody wants any further information.

19 Mr. Hughes?

MR. HUGHES: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Li?

22 MR. LI: No, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

Then thank you, Juror No. 4. I'll ask

25 that you stay in contact with the jury 1 commissioner. She'll be in contact with you. And

in the event that you are excused from jury

service, a part of the admonition is going to

continue to apply to you that you not discuss the 4

case with media or with anybody. That part of the 5

admonition about not discussing the case is going

to remain in effect. I'm going to -- if I do 7

excuse you, I'm going to make an order to that

9 effect.

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10 So please stay in contact with the commissioner. And, again, our appreciation for 11 12 your willingness to discuss this when you're 13 obviously very uncomfortable.

14 So we will hang up. Thank you, No. 4. 15 JUROR NO. 4: Okay. Thank you.

16 THE COURT: I'd like to hear comments from 17 counsel.

Mr. Hughes?

19 MR. HUGHES: Thank you. Your Honor, it sounds 20 like Juror No. 4 believes there is a chance at 21 least that he could be recuperated by tomorrow. In 22 anticipation of a possible break in the trial for a

23 day or so, we've spoken to the defense. The

24 defense had yesterday asked to interview some

25 witnesses that we intend to call this week.

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1 If we don't go ahead with trial today, 2 the defense and the state can do those interviews 3 with the witness so we wouldn't be wasting the time 4 of today.

5 I'm hesitant to excuse a juror in early 6 April since we're already down one juror and it 7 seems like there is a cold that's been going around 8 I know in my office. I'm worried that other jurors

9 may not have the same recuperation period that

10 Juror No. 4 does.

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12 the parties can work on the case and we can come 13 back tomorrow. If Juror No. 4 is still sick 14 tomorrow, then we may have to excuse him. But it

I think if we can take a one-day break,

15 seems to me that he believes that he's in the end

16 stages of this cold or flu or whatever it is.

17 Maybe we can save him as a juror.

THE COURT: Mr. Li, are you going to address this?

20 MR. LI: We agree, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 I believe this is the eighth week of 23 trial. And when you have a trial last this long, 24 you have these kinds of issues, especially when we

25 started in what would still normally be the flu

1 season. 2 I have expressed concern about the timing of the trial, the pace of the witnesses. And I'm reluctant to lose a day. At the same time, still anticipated there could be several more weeks of trial. We do still have five alternates. If the 7 parties believe, and you avow to me you do, that there are productive things that could be done that 9 would facilitate the pace of the trial, then it 10 would make sense to have this day devoted to that and hope that the juror is able to return. 11 12 And that's what I'll do based on the 13 proposal of the parties. I will ask the jury

14 commissioner to stress to this juror that all aspects of the admonition continue. I conditioned the juror to receive a possible release.

17 Anything else to discuss?

18 Mr. Hughes?

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19 MR. HUGHES: No, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Li?

MR. LI: No, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Then we will recess. The jury

23 will be instructed to return at 9:15 tomorrow. If

there are legal issues, I don't want them to wait

25 until 9:15. I want to take them up no later than

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8:30 tomorrow.

We will stand in recess. Thank you.

3 (Recess.)

4 THE COURT: We're on the record now. And

State versus James Ray. I don't see the defendant. 5

6 Mr. Li?

7 MR. LI: Yes. He went back -- he's waiving

8 his appearance.

9 THE COURT: That's all I need to know. He's 10

waiving his appearance.

11 Mr. Li and Ms. Do are present for the 12 defense. The state's represented by Ms. Polk and

Mr. Hughes. 13

And I believe I have on the line

15 Ms. Tosca Henry.

16 Is that correct?

17 MS. HENRY: Yes, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Oh. You're here. I thought you

19 were calling in.

MS. HENRY: No. I prefer to appear in person.

THE COURT: That's fine. Thank you.

22 I was just informed by the attorneys

23 briefly that the subject of this hearing, as it

turns out to be, has to do with the interview of 24

Mrs. Hamilton and a request that the interview be

recorded or not recorded depending on the 1 2 perspective.

3 And my initial thought is -- interviews pretty much have to be recorded. But I don't want 4

to say any more until I hear the positions of all 6 of the parties and where things stand.

7 So I guess, Mr. Li, you want to interview

8 Ms. Hamilton. So I'll start there.

9 MR. LI: Yes, Your Honor. We'd like to 10 interview Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton. We'd like those

11 interviews to be recorded so that no attorneys

12 become witnesses to the various statements. We

13 believe it's a regular procedure. We are making

14 this request pursuant to the Court's order.

15 I think of Thursday of last week that in

16 light of the recent disclosure relating to certain

17 information that we be permitted to interview both

18 Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton. And so we made that

19 request.

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20 THE COURT: I don't have any problem with both

21 Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton. I think it came up

22 primarily with regard to Mr. Hamilton. But I don't

23 know that there's a dispute about that.

Mr. Hughes or Ms. Polk, your position

25 before I talk to Ms. Henry.

1 MR. HUGHES: Your Honor, I believe that there

2 would be interviews of both of the Hamiltons on

this new information. They both would be

4 testifying about the new information. It's the

5 state's belief that the interviews which take

place, whether they be recorded or not, they should

7 really be limited to the new issue of this

disclosure of the photographs that the Hamiltons

9 took and recently disclosed, which led to the state

10 disclosing that to the defense.

11 So it would be the state's request that 12 the interviews be subject to questions about these

13 photographs and to not going back through the

14 entire scope of the case.

15 Ms. Hamilton was subject to very lengthy

16 cross-examination by the defense. All that's

17 recorded. My understanding, transcript has been

18 prepared of the interview -- excuse me -- of the

19 testimony of Mrs. Hamilton. For whatever reason

20 the defense chose not to interview Mr. Hamilton

21 prior to this.

22 So it would be the state's position that

23 the interviews that the Court is allowing under the

24 Rope decision should be limited to the issues

pertaining to the new photographs that they took

1 and have disclosed.

2 MR. LI: Your Honor, just quickly if I may be heard on that. We don't intend to ask questions about everything. We do intend to ask questions about all the materials in the latest disclosure, which is not limited to just photographs. There 7 are additional statements about the use of insecticides and pesticides on the property that 9 were contained in a report that Detective Diskin prepared and that was subsequently disclosed, I 10 11 believe, on Thursday. 12 So we're not seeking to do the 404(b)

13 hearing all over, but there is new information that 14 we would like to explore with the Hamiltons.

15 THE COURT: I think you're in agreement, 16 Mr. Hughes. It's the latest disclosure. That's 17 what the subject of the interview would be.

18 MR. HUGHES: That's what we would request. 19 The other issues -- you know -- how did the 20 Hamiltons come to know Mr. Ray, what happened at 21 other sweat lodges, then, all that stuff is not 22 subject to what this newest disclosure.

23 As long as the interview is limited to 24 the newest disclosure, the state would be in 25

agreeance (sic) that Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton could be

interviewed on that topic.

THE COURT: Before I address Ms. Henry, your positions on recording the interviews. 3

Mr. Hughes?

defense interviews.

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MR. HUGHES: Your Honor, it's the state's belief -- we researched and found some cases or a case that leads us to believe that the defense does have a right to record the interview.

And I understand and respect that the

10 Hamiltons' attorney has a different opinion on 11 that. Obviously she's here and can give that 12 opinion. In all candor, I have to say every 13 defense interview I think I've ever done, 14 90 percent of them have been recorded. It 15 certainly is the practice in the county to record

17 And in light of the case that I was 18 referring to, which is State ex rel Baumer versus 19 Superior Court, with Marilyn Shoot as the real 20 party in interest -- that's 133 Ariz. 371. It's a supreme court case from 1982. 21

22 I certainly believe that supports that. 23 But, again, I would -- the state really does not have a horse in that race whether it's recorded or 25 not. That's my opinion of what the case law is.

1 THE COURT: Mr. Li, the defense position on recording?

MR. LI: We believe we have a right to record. 3 There is also very practical reasons including we

don't want to have attorneys as witnesses in this

6 particular case.

7 THE COURT: Yes. I do want to hear from 8 Ms. Henry. But that's just the way I see it. If it's not recorded, anybody in that room becomes a 9

witness, and it can raise all kinds of issues about 10

who represents who later in trial. Not that it 11

12 would get to that extent.

13 But those are the kind of considerations that come up. If it's not recorded, people that 14 15 hear it become witnesses whether they're attorneys 16 or not perhaps.

17 Ms. Henry, you're here representing -- as 18 a representative of the Hamiltons in a civil 19 matter: is that correct?

20 MS. HENRY: That's correct. May I approach? 21 THE COURT: Please. You can have a seat there

(Pause in proceedings.)

at counsel table. 22

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24 MS. HENRY: Do I need to repeat my appearance? 25

THE COURT: No. And I'm on record with

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1 Ms. Henry, representing the Hamiltons in a separate

matter, though, but an interest in this case

3 because of the request for interviewing.

4 MS. HENRY: Correct. I do apologize for my 5 disheveled appearance. I would have done something

to tame this unruly mop of hair.

7 It's our position -- I'll first address 8 the prosecution's case that they did cite. We did

9 have a chance to review that. However, we do think

10 the situation differs because, as he said,

11 90 percent of the defense interviews in this county

12 are recorded. However, 90 percent of those people

13 that are interviewed do not have hundreds of

14 thousands of dollars of civil liability that is

15 still pending, still open to statute of limitations

16 issues.

17 Also the case that was sited by the 18 prosecution applied in the situation where the 19 involved party did not have a right to an appeal. 20 I'm sorry. I ran out of the office so fast, I did

21 not bring the case with me. But it was a closed

22 matter where she had no right to an appeal. Here

23 there are plenty of appeal rights. So it's a

24 completely different scenario.

And, Your Honor, my clients gladly

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consent and cooperate to be interviewed. They were 1 prepared to come today. We do take issue with the 3 recorded matter. As a practical matter, having the recording, to me, is a lot more damaging than having sworn deposition testimony.

So what we are proposing -- yes. I know this is a criminal matter. However, the rules do say -- 15(a).3, I believe -- I also left my rule book in the office -- that the Court may order a deposition if they do believe that a witness is not proffered.

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11 12 We are willing to cooperate. However, it 13 is our position that unsworn, unrecorded, 14 unprepared interview testimony of my clients would 15 be possibly damaging in their civil cases. It's 16 likely given the circumstances that it could be 17 very damaging to them.

Also, Your Honor, my clients were called as witnesses months ago. I don't know why these interviews didn't take place sooner. And also Amayra Hamilton was, as raised by the prosecution -- she was subjected to multitudes of questions. And she had -- the defense had an

I don't see why she should be

submitted -- every time there is some newly

opportunity to cross-examine her.

- disclosed information, why should they have a
- 3 chance to drag her back into court. She's willing
- 4 to stand trial. She's been on call for the last
- 5 two weeks. They've been cancelled and then called
- and then cancelled. And then now we'll be
- 7 postponing this again for informal recorded
- 8 interviews? That's, basically, our position.
- 9 THE COURT: I want to ask the attorneys to 10 address your position.

Mr. Lı.

12 MR. LI: Well, the first issue, I suppose, is 13 that the reason why we're asking for this interview 14 now is because the material was disclosed to us, I

- 15 believe, Thursday last week. So that's the timing
- 16 of this issue. I suppose counsel has something she
- 17 would like to say.
- 18 THE COURT: Okay.
- 19 MS. HENRY: Your Honor, frankly, with all due
- 20 respect, I don't see how these photographs are 21 relevant.
- 22 THE COURT: Well, that would be something I'd
- 23 have to deal with. You know, in the criminal
- justice system -- the civil justice system, the
- 25 question of possible relevance, admissibility.

- 1 There are different questions. Discovery,
- disclosure, and then what's ultimately admissible
- are matters that can get sorted out. 3
 - But go ahead.
- 5 MS. HENRY: Your Honor, here we face -- like I
- said, there is a lot on the line for something that 6
- 7 may or may not even be relevant. I understand what
- 8 you just said. But when you weigh the two, it just
- seems like it's a lot of unfairness, 9
- unreasonableness, to my clients for something that 10
- may or may not be important or relevant to this 11
- 12 case. That's all.
- 13 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Henry.

Mr. Li.

MR. LI: Well, Mr. Ray is on trial in a

16 criminal case where his liberty is at stake. So

17 he's got a lot on the line as well. He has certain

18 constitutional rights which allow him the right to

19 cross-examine and confront witnesses, which we

20 would contend include the ability to understand

21 what their testimony is going to be and do the

22 appropriate interviews.

23 The Hamiltons are the subject of a civil

24 case. I don't think the Court needs me to address

25 this particular topic, but if the Court wants me

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1 to, I certainly will.

2 THE COURT: I know the general posture. Some

3 civil lawsuit's being filed.

4 MR. LI: It is my -- I do a lot of cases that

have multiple civil, criminal, regulatory, 5

- 6 et cetera. That's sort of my bread and butter.
- 7 And the reality of it is that that's just something
- 8 that happens.
- 9 If there is a criminal case and somebody
- 10 has been called as a witness, they've got to appear
- 11 and they've got to comply with all of the various
- 12 rules of criminal procedure and all of the things
- 13 that the Court can order in a criminal case
- irrespective of whatever liabilities or potential 14
- 15 liabilities they may have civilly,
- 16 administratively, regulatorywise or anything. And
- that's because our Constitution guarantees 17
- 18 defendants certain rights.
- 19 So, with all due respect, the Hamiltons
- 20 need to come, and they need to be interviewed. And
- 21 they need to have that interview recorded for all
- 22 of the various reasons we've discussed. It's --
- 23 that's, basically, the bottom line.
- 24 THE COURT: Mr. Hughes, did you have anything
- 25 to add?

MR. HUGHES: Your Honor, only as far as the 1 2 time line regarding these photographs. We believe they were first emailed to the defense on the 22nd or the 23rd of March. A formal disclosure was 4 filed on March 24. And then on March 24 we also 6 filed the Rule 15.6 motion asking this court for 7 leave to use the photographs.

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So this is information that has been out there now for at least a couple weeks. The defense 9 communicated their request to do these interviews 10 yesterday, I think, around 4:00 to us. So that's 12 why we're bringing this to the Court's attention at 13 this point.

14 MR. LI: Your Honor, just for the record, I 15 believe while the photographs were disclosed, I 16 think -- I'd have to check my records as to the date. But the report -- there is a police report 17 18 that was authored by Detective Diskin. We did not 19 receive that until the 24th. And the interview, I 20 believe, took place on the 21st.

THE COURT: The disclosure has been quite 22 recent. And there was a discussion about having an 23 Interview of at least Mrs. Hamilton back some time 24 ago. So I don't see time as a factor in this.

The Rule, 15.3, provides that a

about who would administer the oath. The court reporters usually take care of that. If it's going 3 to be done here, a clerk of court or somebody can 4 do it. I would authorize that. 5 I would hope the parties would stipulate

that whoever administers the oath would have 7 authority to do that -- excuse me -- in this 8 situation.

9 I have some concern with timing. I think 10 Ms. Henry is expressing this with notice. And if 11 you read 15.3, it talks about -- 15.3(c), providing 12 time. And I think two days is what it says.

13 And this is an unusual situation for me 14 because very seldom is a deposition taken in the 15 criminal justice system. Usually it's done through 16 the interviewing process. And normally if a 17 deposition is ordered, then the person decides to 18 go ahead and just have the interview.

19 But the case is in progress. And I 20 really want to proceed.

21 Ms. Henry, I'm ordering that there be an 22 interview. Well, I'm ordering a deposition. But 23 it can be tape-recorded. If the parties want to go 24 ahead and agree just to go ahead and do an 25 interview, I have no problem with that. Then this

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deposition can be ordered if a person will not cooperate in granting a personal interview. That's 3 15.3(2). I don't know that that's exactly the situation. 4

What it does state, though, to this court 6 is that my authority would be to order a 7 deposition, not order an interview. However, 8 15.3(d), manner of taking, provides that a 9 deposition may be recorded by other than a 10 certified court reporter. Then it talks about 11 providing opposing counsel copies. And that would 12 not be practical under the circumstances here where 13 there is a continuing case that's in trial.

15.3(d) also says except as otherwise 15 provided here or by order of the Court, deposition shall be taken in the manner provided in civil 16 17 actions. That gives the Court authority to make 18 reasonable adjustment to what should be done here.

A nonrecorded interview is just not a 20 solution. As I said, that ends up making everybody a witness who is there. I'm going to order -- if 22 It need be a deposition, it will be a deposition. 23 But it can be tape-recorded. It need not be with

24 the expense of a certified court reporter. 25 That may raise some kind of a question 1 order doesn't have to be in place for that.

2 But if you have a specific concern about 3 timing, Ms. Henry, I would like to know about that.

4 You know from this discussion that the scope of the

5 interview is going to be limited. It's going to be

to what is quite recent disclosure that's been 7 submitted in the case.

8 So I'd like to hear from you on that if 9 you are concerned just about the short notice.

10 MS. HENRY: Your Honor, I was concerned about 11 the short notice. And also it was not clarified

12 the limited scope of the matter that was to be

interviewed. And with that in mind, we may revisit 13

14 our objections. I would have to consult with my

15 clients. I can't go ahead and say that.

We can revisit our objection to the actual deposition if we do have a day or two to prepare a formal recorded interview, as long as it's with the limited scope previously discussed.

20 THE COURT: Counsel --

Thank you, Ms. Henry.

Counsel, what about timing? I was hoping the interview could proceed.

Mr. Hughes.

MR. HUGHES: Your Honor, if it simply can't

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- 1 then, is set the deposition, which can be converted
- to an interview, for tomorrow. That would be
- 3 April 6, at noon. It will be done somewhere here
- 4 in the courthouse.

MR. HUGHES: Your Honor, we have some rooms.

So what I'm going to do at this time,

- 6 We have our little room of -- the court staff has
- 7 provided a meeting room. And I think that would be
- 8 sufficient size to make it happen tomorrow.
- 9 THE COURT: Okay.
- **10** Anything else, then?
- 11 MS. HENRY: No, Your Honor. Thank you.
- MR. LI: No, Your Honor. Thanks.
- 13 THE COURT: We'll be in recess.
- 14 (The proceedings concluded.)

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